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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 4563

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: TERRORIST ATTACK IN KUALA LUMPUR

1. WE ARE DEVELOPING CONTINGENCY EVACUATION PLANS TO MAINTAIN
EMBASSY OPERATIONS AND CONTINUOUS CONTACT WITH
WASHINGTON AFTER TERRORISTS AND HOSTAGES HAVE EVACUATED 9TH FLOOR.
WE BELIEVE, ON BASIS MONITORING OF VOICES AND SOUNDS ON 9TH
FLOOR, THAT TERRORISTS HAVE PLANTED EXPLOSIVES IN BUILDING
WALLS AND PERHAPS HAVE MINED ELEVATOR SHAFTS AND OTHER POINTS.
THEREFORE, TO ENSURE SAFETY OF EMBASSY PERSONNEL IN EVENT OF
DAMAGE TO BUILDING, WE WILL EVACUATE EMBASSY PREMISES AND CLOSE
DOWN TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS; TIME OF THIS EVACUATION
AND SHUT-DOWN WILL DEPEND ON SCHEDULE DEVELOPED BY GOM FOR
EVACUATION AND TRANSFER OF TERRORISTS AND/OR HOSTAGES TO
AIRCRAFT. AT EARLIEST, WE ESTIMATE MOVE MAY BE MADE
AT APPROX 7:30 PM LOCAL TIME, BUT IT MAY BE CONSIDERABLY LATER
DEPENDING UPON NEGOTIATIONS WITH TERRORISTS, MODALITIES AND
TIMING OF TRANSFER, TIME NEEDED FOR AIRCRAFT REFUELING/PREPARATION
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2. CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER HAS EXTENDED US FACILITIES OF HIS CONSULAR SECTION LOCATED ON CONCOURSE SHOPPING FLOOR OF THIS BUILDING (CANADIAN EMBASSY PROPER IS LOCATED ON 5TH FLOOR). WE INTEND TO OPEN UP DIRECT TELEPHONE LINE TO STATE OPERATIONS CENTER. WE WILL ALSO BE IN CONTINUOUS RADIO CONTACT WITH EMBASSY LIAISON PERSONNEL POSTED WITH GOM COMMAND CENTER, JAPANESE EMB, AND SO FORTH, AS WELL AS WITH MARINE GUARD AND STATE REGIONAL SECURITY PERSONNEL WHOM IT IS PLANNED WILL ACCOMPANY POLICE BOMB SQUAD INTO EMBASSY PREMISES TO SWEEP AREA AND REMOVE EXPLOSIVES AS REQUIRED. ALL RPT ALL PRECAUTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO ENSURE SANCTITY OF EMBASSY PREMISES AND ANY MALAYSIAN PERSONNEL WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY OUR PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES. THERE IS NO RPT NO QUESTION THAT OUR DIPLOMATIC RIGHTS WILL BE ABUSED IN ANY WAY; MALAYSIANS HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY COOPERATIVE ON THIS SCORE, BUT WE ARE OF COURSE SUBJECT TO JUDGMENT OF BOMB SQUAD AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES AS TO ADVISABILITY OF REOCCUPYING OUR PREMISES.

3. THIS IS PRELIMINARY MESSAGE. WE WILL PROVIDE FULL DATA, CONFIRMATION AND DETAILS AS TO DIRECT LINE BEFORE ANY MOVES ARE MADE.

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